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PREFFACE.

Baptists are frequently misrepresented by their own members on account of ignorance concerning the principles governing the denomination.

Believing that some good may be done by early instructing the young people in the Sunday-schools in lines of Baptist beliefs, I have prepared this little Catechism, and I send it forth upon a mission of love for my church.

M. RUTHERFORD.

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A Scripture Catechism

FOR BAPTISTS

CHAPTER I.

(Questions and answers taken from "Church Members' Guide for Baptist Churches," by Wms. Rutherford, Athens, Ga.)

1. What do Baptists take as the only rule of faith and practice?

Answer. *The Word of God.*

2. What do Baptists believe in regard to the church?

Answer. *That it is a spiritual body, consisting only of those regenerated by the Spirit of God, and baptized on a personal profession of faith.*

3. What is the first fundamental principle that governs Baptists?

Answer. *Soul liberty.*

4. What is meant by soul liberty?

Answer. *No human authority has the right to interfere with the relations between a human being and his God. Rom. xiv., 4, 10, 11, 12; Rev. i., 5, 6; II. Cor. v., 10; I. Peter v., 3; Luke xxii., 25, 26; I. Cor. vii., 23; James ii., 1; I. Peter ii., 9; II. Cor. i., 24; I. Cor. vi., 2.*

5. To whom only can one go to obtain mercy?

Answer. *"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."* Heb. iv., 14-16.

6. Whom do they consider the only Mediator and Redeemer?

Answer. *"The Man Christ Jesus."* I. Tim. ii., 5.

7. To whom is the Christian alone responsible for faith and practice?

Answer. *To God the Maker and Creator.*

8. Where do Baptists get their form of church organization?

Answer. *From the Bible.* Luke xxii., 14-19; Acts i., 11, 15-16; Acts ii., 1, 36-42.

9. What do Baptists consider the fundamental principles that lie at the foundation of Christian faith?

Answer. *Baptism and Communion.*

10. Of what is baptism a type?

Answer. *The death, burial and resurrection of the Lord Jesus.* Col. ii., 12; I. Pet. iii., 21; Rom. vi., 3-14; I. Cor. xv., 29.

11. What is the mode of baptism practiced by Baptists?

Answer. *Immersion.*

12. What Bible authority have they for this mode of baptism?

Answer. *The example set by our Savior.* Mark i., 9.

13. Do Baptists believe there is any saving power in baptism?

Answer. *Of course not. They do not baptize men to make them Christians, but because they are Christians.*

14. What do all Baptists insist must precede baptism?

Answer. *Repentance and faith.* Acts viii., 37; Acts xvi., 29-34; Acts xviii., 8.

15. Can the faith of our pious parents save us?

Answer. *No. We must ourselves bring forth fruits meet for repentance.* Matt. iii., 7-9.

16. Do Baptists believe that children who die in infancy will be saved?

Answer. *Yes, they believe they will be included in the covenant of redemption made between the Father and the Son. Heb. xiii., 20; Jer. i., 5; II. Tim. i., 9; Jer. xxxi., 3; Zech. ix., 11; Matt. xix., 13, 14.*

17. Whom do Baptists believe should take the Lord's Supper?

Answer. *Only those baptized believers who have been organized into a church.*

18. What guide have they for this rule of conduct?

Answer. *Our Savior and his twelve disciples in the upper room at Jerusalem. Matt. xxvi., 17-30; Mark xiv., 17-26; Luke xxii., 14-19.*

19. Were they the only Christians in Jerusalem at that time?

Answer. *No, there were many others, among them Jesus's own mother.*

20. Do Baptists believe that the bread and wine become the actual body and blood of our Lord?

Answer. *No, they believe them to be symbolic—nothing more.*

21. Is it necessary to be faultless in conduct before one partakes of the Lord's Supper?

Answer. *Not at all; there was a Judas at the supper in the upper room in Jerusalem.*

22. What is required?

Answer. *An earnest desire to remember our Lord and Master, and to resolve thereafter to live more as becomes his follower.*

23. How should an erring brother in the church be dealt with?

Answer. *Tell him his fault, and if he will not hear you, tell it to the church. If he refuses to hear the church he is to be as a Gentile and publican.* Matt. xviii., 15-18.

24. How often must a brother be forgiven?

Answer. *“Until seventy times seven.”*

Matt. xviii., 22, 23.

25. What authority have Baptists for their belief in Foreign Missions?

Answer. *Our Savior’s command, “Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature,” and the conduct of the early church at Antioch.* Mark xvi., 15, 16; Matt. xxviii., 18-20; Luke xxiv., 46, 47; Acts xiii., 1-43, 46, 47; Acts xix., 24, 27; Acts xxii., 21; Rom. x., 14-18; Gal. ii., 9; Rom. xvi., 9-16.

26. What authority have they for Home Missions?

Answer. *Our Savior’s parable of “The Good Samaritan,” and his command to love our neighbor as ourselves.*

27. How do Baptists choose their pastors?

Answer. *As the early church in the Bible did—by casting lots or votes; every member, male or female, having a vote.* Acts i., 14; Acts ii., 1.

28. What should be the qualification of a pastor or bishop of the flock?

Answer. *“He should be a man of good report, who holds fast the faithful word. He should be apt to teach and patient, full of the Holy Ghost, holding the faith in pure conscience.”* Tit. i., 7-9; II. Tim. ii., 24, 25; I. Tim. iii., 3-7.

29. How should he preach?

Answer. *“Not himself, but Christ Jesus, the Lord.”* II. Cor. v., 7; I. Cor. ii., 1-5; Acts xx., 27.

30. What are the duties of a pastor?

Answer. *“To feed the flock of God, taking the oversight not by constraint but willingly, not for filthy lucre but of a ready mind.”* I. Pet. v., 2, 3; Jer. iii., 15.

31. What are the duties of the deacons?

Answer. *To attend to the wants of the poor, to aid the minister and to distribute the alms or contributions.*

32. How many deacons are chosen?

Answer. *Seven.* *“Look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.”* Acts vi., 1-7.

33. By whom are they chosen?

Answer. *By the church.*

34. What are the qualifications of a deacon?

Answer. *“He must be honest, wise, grave, not double-tongued, not given to wine, not greedy of filthy lucre; the husband of one wife, ruling his children and his household well. He must be full also of the Holy Ghost, and hold the faith in pure conscience.”*

35. What is the duty of a deacon's wife?

Answer. *“She must be grave, not slanderous, sober and faithful in all things.”* I. Tim. iii.

36. Do Baptists believe that a minister should be supported by the church?

Answer. *Yes, and liberally supported.*

“Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn.” I. Tim. v., 17, 18.

“They that preach the gospel should live of the gospel.” I. Cor. ix., 14.

“The labourer is worthy of his hire.” Luke x., 7.

37. Do all Baptist churches live up to this faith and practice?

Answer. *Each church must answer this question for itself, but a church is injured spiritually that fails to pay its pastor liberally and promptly.*

38. What should actuate all Christian giving?

Answer. *Love. Paul told the Corinthians "to give to prove the sincerity of their love."* II. Cor. viii., 8.

39. What should a Christian give?

Answer. *The first fruits—the best that he has.* Ex. xxiii., 19; Num. xviii., 12.

40. How should he give?

Answer. *Liberally, with good measure, cheerfully, according to his ability, according as God has blessed him, with simplicity, systematically and regularly.* Is. xxxii., 8; Luke vi., 38; II. Cor. ix., 7; II. Cor. viii., 12; Deut. xvi., 17; Rom. xii., 8; I. Cor. xvi., 2.

41. Is any member of the church excused?

Answer. *Not one, no matter how poor he is. "Let every one of you," etc., said Paul in his epistle to the Corinthians.* I. Cor. xvi., 2.

42. What is one of the greatest sins that beset the Christian of to-day?

Answer. *Covetousness.*

43. What is meant by covetousness?

Answer. *Eagerness of gain. "The love of money is the root of all evil."*

44. What is the duty of every church member?

Answer. *To give liberally to the church and to mis-*

sions; to be punctual in attendance upon all church services; to be faithful to every duty and to love the brethren.

45. What should be the characteristics of Christians?

Answer. *Epistles to be read of all men; the light of the world; the salt of the earth; good soldiers; stewards; lively stones; a peculiar people; kings and priests.*

46. Do Baptists hold conventions and associations?

Answer. *Yes.*

47. What is the province of the convention?

Answer. *It is simply a working body composed of messengers from other churches, associations and missionary societies. It is formed for the purpose of concentrating the efforts of the churches.*

48. What is the province of the associations?

Answer. *The associations have no power to enact a law governing other churches. It is simply a means of finding out through appointed delegates what other churches are doing in the lines of Christian work.*

49. Have the Baptists any creed?

Answer. *None save the Bible.*

50. What do all regular Baptists generally believe?

- Answer. 1. *That the Bible is inspired, therefore Divine.*
2. *That there are three in the Godhead—God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost.*
3. *That man was created holy but fell through transgression.*
4. *That man became guilty and was condemned.*
5. *That it is impossible for him to be justified by the deeds of the law.*
6. *That Christ paid the penalty due for man's sins.*
7. *That he can be justified only by faith in God's word.*

8. *That he is regenerated by the Holy Spirit.*
9. *That every church should be independent.*
10. *That every member has equal privileges.*
11. *That baptism by immersion is the door to the church.*
12. *That only baptized believers in a regular organized church can partake of the Lord's Supper.*
13. *That no member walking disorderly should remain in the church.*

CHAPTER II.

(Find references in Bible to verify statements.)

GENERAL QUESTIONS.

1. When did language begin?

Answer. When Adam named the animals in Eden.

2. What precious stones were found in Eden?

Answer. Onyx, bdellium and gold.

3. Who first played upon instruments?

Answer. Jubal.

4. Who first worked in metals?

Answer. Tubal Cain.

5. Who was a mighty hunter before the Lord?

Answer. Nimrod.

6. Who was Melchizedek?

Answer. King of Salem and high priest.

7. Who was the first poet? Repeat his poem.

Answer. Lamech.

8. Who is the first person who is said to have wept?

Answer. Hagar.

9. What bride is first mentioned as wearing a veil?

Answer. Rebekah.

10. To whom was it revealed she should be the mother of two distinct nations? Answer. Rebekah.

11. In whose funeral procession was the first mention of horses? Answer. Jacob's.

12. To the memory of what woman was the first monument erected? Answer. Rachel.

13. What tribe had charge of the music in the sanctuary?

Answer. Levi.

14. From which one of Jacob's sons was Christ descended? Answer. Judah.

15. Who was sold for twenty pieces of silver?

Answer. Joseph.

16. After whom was the third book in the Bible named?

Answer. Levi.

17. Whose three daughters were the fairest women in the land? Answer. Job's.

18. Who said, "Let me die the death of the righteous?"

Answer. Balaam.

19. Who said, "Though he slay me yet will I trust him?" Answer. Job.

20. What king was the first to ask the prayers of God's servant for him and his people?

Answer. Pharaoh (Seti-Menephtah.)

21. Who said: "All that a man hath will he give for his life?" Answer. Satan.

22. Who was afflicted with leprosy for complaining against her brother? Answer. Miriam.

23. Whose rod budded and brought fourth almonds?

Answer. Aaron's.

24. Who wrote the first five books of the Bible?

Answer. Moses.

25. Who was the first surveyor or divider of lands?

Answer. Joshua.

26. What judge refused to become a king?

Answer. Gideon.

27. Who was the first female ruler?

Answer. Deborah.

28. After what Gentile woman is a book in the Bible named? Answer. Ruth.

29. What commander made pronunciation a test to denote nationality? Answer. Jephthah.

30. Who was called a "Mother in Israel?"

Answer. Deborah.

31. What judge of Israel was betrayed by woman's art?

Answer. Samson.

32. What high priest eminent for piety was negligent of family discipline? Answer. Eli.

33. What judge first established circuit courts?

Answer. Samuel.

34. When did the people first shout, "God save the king?" Answer. When Saul was inaugurated.

35. What woman successfully commanded an army?

Answer. Deborah.

36. Who when afflicted said, "It is the Lord, let him do what seemeth good?" Answer. Eli.

37. What prince yielded his right to the throne in favor of a friend? Answer. Jonathan.

38. Who was said to be a man after "God's own heart?"

Answer. David.

39. Who wrote the Psalms?

Answer. David and Asaph wrote most of them.

40. Who provided the firs and cedars of Lebanon for the temple? Answer. Hiram, king of Tyre.

41. Who was celebrated for his beauty?

Answer. Absalom.

42. What king's arm withered for touching a prophet of God? Answer. Jeroboam's.

43. What king built an ivory house?

Answer. Ahab.

44. What woman was killed by being thrown from a window? Answer. Jezebel.

45. What woman killed her grandchildren to usurp the kingdom? Answer. Athaliah.

46. Who was taken to heaven in a chariot of fire?

Answer. Elijah

47. Who caused an iron axe to swim?

Answer. Elisha.

48. Who ordered seventy brothers slain and their heads put into a basket? Answer. Jehu.

49. Whose shelter was made and destroyed in a night?

Answer. Jonah's.

50. Who called Cyrus by name and foretold what he would do years before his birth? Answer. Isaiah.

51. What king had his life lengthened fifteen years in answer to prayer? Answer. Hezekiah.

52. For whom did the sun and moon stand still?

Answer. Joshua.

53. Of what king was it said, "While yet young he began to seek after the God of David?" Answer. Josiah.

54. Who was let by cords into a dungeon to starve?

Answer. Jeremiah.

55. What king took him out?

Answer. Zedekiah.

56. Who worshiped a man for interpreting his dream?

Answer. Nebuchadnezzar worshiped Daniel.

57. Who said, "They that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars forever and ever?"

Answer. Daniel.

58. What king was driven out to eat grass as an ox?

Answer. Nebuchadnezzar.

59. What king had his eyes put out?

Answer. Zedekiah.

60. Of what prophet is it recorded that he ate a book?

Answer. Ezekiel.

61. Who collected and arranged the books of the Old Testament? Answer. Ezra.

62. Who governed Jerusalem twelve years without any salary? Answer. Nehemiah.

63. What king used dromedaries as mail carriers?

Answer. Ahasuerus.

64. In what book in the Bible is God's name not mentioned.

Answer. Esther.

65. Who laid the foundation for the second temple?

Answer. Zerubbabel.

66. Who was called "The sweet psalmist of Israel?"

Answer. David.

67. For what king did the shadow go back ten degrees on the dial? Answer. Hezekiah.

68. To whom was it said, "Thou art weighed in the balance and found wanting?" Answer. Belshazzar.

69. Who said, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved?" Answer. Jeremiah.

70. After what queen is a book of the Bible named?

Answer. Esther.

71. Who told Hezekiah to "put his house in order to get ready to die?" Answer. Isaiah.

72. Who stole 1,100 shekels from his own mother?

Answer. Micah.

73. Relate an instance where speech is given to an animal. Answer. Balaam's ass.

74. Which one of the prophets was a herdsman?

Answer. Amos.

75. Who wrote Lamentations?

Answer. Jeremiah.

76. Who had neither beginning nor end of days?

Answer. Melchizedek.

77. Who made an image of her husband and put it in bed to deceive her father?

Answer. Michal, David's wife.

78. Who despised her husband because he danced?

Answer. David's wife.

79. Who told her husband to curse God and die?

Answer. Job's wife.

80. Who was the father of the twelve patriarchs?

Answer. Jacob.

81. What grandson of Ham became eminent?

Answer. Nimrod.

82. What woman was sole ruler of Judah six years?

Answer. Athaliah.

83. Of what woman was it said "The dogs shall eat her?" Answer. Jezebel.

84. Who said, "My father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions?"

Answer. Rehoboam, the son of Solomon.

85. What maiden saved all the Jews in Persia from being slain? Answer. Esther.

86. Whom did God tell to draw a picture of Jerusalem?

Answer. Ezekiel.

87. Who carried the sacred vessels from the temple to Jerusalem? Answer. Nebuchadnezzar.

88. Who were the three men put into the fiery furnace for refusing to worship a golden image?

Answer. Shadrach, Meshack and Abednego.

89. What king's captivity fulfilled two apparently contradictory prophecies? Answer. Zedekiah.

90. Who destroyed the brazen serpent in the wilderness? Answer. Hezekiah.

91. Who foretold that David would not build the temple? Answer. Nathan.

92. Whose daughter asked for springs of water in her inheritance? Answer. Caleb's.

93. From what three Gentiles was Christ descended?

Answer. Tamar, Rahab and Ruth.

94. How many kings ruled over Judah?

Answer. Nineteen and one queen.

95. How many over Israel?

Answer. Nineteen.

96. How many books in the Old Testament?

Answer. Thirty-nine.

97. Name them in order.

98. Which is the longest chapter in the Bible? How many verses?

99. Which is the shortest? How many verses?

100. Repeat XXIII. Psalm.

195 QUESTIONS

FOR YOUNG CHILDREN.

CHAPTER III.

1. Who was the first man? Answer. Adam.
2. Who was the first woman? Answer. Eve.
3. Where did God put them?
Answer. In the garden of Eden.
4. What did he command them?
Answer. To keep the garden.
5. What did he give them for food?
Answer. The fruit of the garden.
6. Of what tree were they not to eat?
Answer. The tree of knowledge of good and evil.
7. What would be the penalty if they disobeyed him?
Answer. They should surely die.
8. Who tempted them to eat?
Answer. Satan tempted Eve and she tempted Adam.
9. What form did Satan take?
Answer. The form of a serpent.
10. Why do you suppose he took this form?
Answer. Because at that time the snake walked upright and had such a beautiful skin.
11. What did God do to Adam and Eve?
Answer. He drove them out of the garden.
12. How did he punish them?
Answer. He made them work for a living.

13. What were the names of their sons?

Answer. Cain, Abel and Seth.

14. Did they have other children?

Answer. Yes, many sons and daughters.

15. What did Cain do for a living?

Answer. He worked the ground.

16. What did Abel do?

Answer. He was a shepherd.

17. What did they bring to the Lord?

Answer. An offering. Cain brought the fruit of the land—Abel brought a lamb.

18. Which was more acceptable?

Answer. The lamb—Abel's offering.

19. Why?

Answer. Because it was offered in faith.

20. What did Cain do?

Answer. Being angry, he slew his brother.

21. Who was the first murderer?

Answer. Cain.

22. When God called him, what did he do?

Answer. He told him a story.

23. Was this the first lie ever told?

Answer. No; Satan had lied to Eve.

24. Who is called the "Father of Lies?"

Answer. Satan.

25. If we tell stories whom do we become like?

Answer. Satan.

26. What did God do to Cain?

Answer. He branded him as a murderer.

27. Where did he go?

Answer. Into the land of Nod.

28. Where did he get his wife?

Answer. Probably one of Adam's descendants.

29. How many years had it been since the creation?

Answer. 129.

30. How old was Adam when he died?

Answer. 930.

31. How many descendants did he have?

Answer. According to some authorities over 400,000.

32. Who was the first poet that ever lived?

Answer. Lamech.

33. Who was the first musician?

Answer. Jubal.

34. Who was the first blacksmith?

Answer. Tubal Cain.

35. Who was taken to heaven without dying?

Answer. Enoch.

36. Who was the oldest man that ever lived?

Answer. Methuselah, 969 years old.

37. Why did God send a flood upon the earth?

Answer. On account of the wickedness of the people.

38. Who was saved?

Answer. Noah and his family.

39. How many sons did Noah have?

Answer. Shem, Ham and Japheth.

40. Who is said to have had neither beginning of days nor end of life? Answer. Melchizedek.

41. Who was called the "Father of the Faithful?"

Answer. Abraham.

42. Who was his wife?

Answer. Sarah.

43. What was the name of their son?

Answer. Isaac.

44. What was the name of his wife?

Answer. Rebekah.

45. Who was Abraham's nephew?

Answer. Lot.

46. What became of his wife?

Answer. She was turned into a pillar of salt.

47. Why?

Answer. Because she looked back at Sodom when she had been forbidden to do it.

48. What did God do to try Abraham's faith?

Answer. He told him to offer his only son Isaac as a sacrifice.

49. Did he hesitate to obey?

Answer. Not a moment.

50. How did God reward him?

Answer. By promising that his seed should inherit the earth.

51. Who was the father of Jacob and Esau?

Answer. Isaac.

52. Which was his mother's favorite?

Answer. Jacob.

53. How did he obtain the birthright?

Answer. By selling Esau a mess of pottage.

54. How did he obtain the blessing from his father?

Answer. By pretending he was his brother Esau

55. How could he thus deceive his father?

Answer. Because Isaac was blind in his old age.

56. How did Esau feel towards Jacob for this?

Answer. He hated him and tried to kill him.

57. How did Jacob escape?

Answer. His mother made him run away.

58. Where did he go?

Answer. To his Uncle Laban's.

59. Whom did he marry?

Answer. His cousins—Leah and Rachel.

60. How long did he serve for Rachel?

Answer. Fourteen years.

61. What were the names of her children?

Answer. Joseph and Benjamin.

62. Which was the father's favorite?

Answer. Joseph.

63. How did he show a distinction between his sons?

Answer. He gave Joseph a coat of many colors.

64. Were his brothers envious of him?

Answer. Yes, they hated him.

65. What did they call him?

Answer. The dreamer.

66. Why?

Answer. Because he dreamed that his brothers bowed down to him.

67. How did they try to kill him?

Answer. When his father sent him to them in Sechem they threw him into a pit.

68. Was he injured?

Answer. No; they took him out and sold him to some Ishmaelites.

69. To whom did they sell him?

Answer. To Potiphar, a captain in Pharaoh's army.

70. What happened to him there?

Answer. Potiphar's wife told a story on him and her husband had him cast into prison.

71. Who were in the same prison?

Answer. Pharaoh's butler and baker.

72. How did Joseph know them?

Answer. He told them the meaning of their dreams.

73. How did Pharaoh hear of Joseph?

Answer. When he dreamed a dream and no one could tell him the meaning of it, the butler who knew Joseph, told him to send for him.

74. Was Pharaoh pleased with what Joseph told him?

Answer. Yes; he made him second in his kingdom.

75. Over what country did Pharaoh rule?

Answer. Over Egypt.

76. How did his brothers ever find him?

Answer. There was a famine in Canaan and they wanted corn, so their father sent them down to Egypt to get it.

77. Did they know Joseph when they saw him?

Answer. No; but he knew them.

78. Did he give them corn?

Answer. Yes, and made them bring his father and all their families to Egypt to live.

79. Did this not show a forgiving spirit in Joseph?

Answer. Yes. He returned good for evil.

80. Was Jacob glad to see Joseph again?

Answer. Yes. He said, "Now let me die since I have seen thy face, because thou art yet alive."

81. How did God reward Joseph for being such a good son?

Answer. He gave him long life, and let him live to see his great-great-grandchildren.

82. What did God call Jacob?

Answer. Israel.

83. When the Pharaoh that knew Joseph died what became of the children of Israel?

Answer. They were treated very cruelly.

84. Why did he command all the boy children to be killed?

Answer. Because the Israelites were getting to be such a great nation.

85. Who was saved by his mother?

Answer. Moses.

86. How did she hide him?

Answer. She hid him in a basket in the bulrushes.

87. What were bulrushes?

Answer. They were tall reeds that grew on the banks of the river Nile.

88. Who was set to watch him?

Answer. His sister Miriam.

89. Who saw him?

Answer. Pharaoh's daughter came down to bathe and she saw the beautiful baby and sent her maids to bring it.

90. Who was employed as a nurse?

Answer. Moses's own mother.

91. Did he love the Egyptians better than the Israelites?

Answer. No; he killed an Egyptian for imposing on one of his own people.

92. What was his mission in the world?

Answer. He was to be the deliverer of his people.

93. What power did God give him?

Answer. To work miracles.

94. What is a miracle?

Answer. Something wonderful, beyond the power of man to perform, as turning a rod into a serpent, and water into blood.

95. What did God tell Moses to say to Pharaoh?

Answer. That he would send plagues upon him, if he did not let his people go out of Egypt.

96. How many plagues were sent?

Answer. Ten.

97. What was the first?

Answer. The waters were turned into blood and all the fish died.

98. What was the second?

Answer. Frogs covered the land.

99. Why was this such a fearful plague?

Answer. Because the Egyptians worshiped frogs and they were afraid to kill them.

100. What was the third?

Answer. The dust was turned to lice.

101. What was the fourth?

Answer. Swarms of flies—flies as big as beetles.

102. What was the fifth?

Answer. A disease among all the cattle so they died.

103. What was the sixth?

Answer. Fearful boils on man and beast.

104. What was the seventh?

Answer. Hail with lightnings that killed man and beasts.

105. What was the eighth?

Answer. Locusts which covered everything.

106. What was the ninth?

Answer. Darkness that could be felt.

107. What was the tenth and last?

Answer. The oldest child in every household was killed.

107. Did any of these plagues affect the children of Israel? Answer. No, they were not hurt at all.

109. Why had Pharaoh hardened his heart until the last? Answer. Because his magicians could do all the wonderful things that Moses did except this last.

110. When the destroying angel went through the land how could he tell the houses of the Israelites?

Answer. God made them kill a lamb and sprinkled he door posts, so their houses would be passed over

111. What feast did they ever after hold to remember God's mercy? Answer. The feast of the Passover.

112. How long did the children wander in the wilderness? Answer. Forty years.

113. Why did God keep them so long from the promised land? Answer. To try their faith.

114. Did any of those who left Egypt enter the promised land? Answer. Yes, two only—Joshua and Caleb.

115. Who was allowed to see it, but not to enter?
Answer. Moses.

116. Why were only Joshua and Caleb allowed to enter?
Answer. Because they told the truth about the land.

117. When were the Commandments given?
Answer. When Moses went up on Mt. Sinai.

118. How many are they?
Answer. Ten.

119. Repeat them.

1. "Thou shalt have no other gods but me ;
2. Before no idol bend the knee ;
3. Take not the name of God in vain ;
4. Nor dare the Sabbath day profane ;
5. Give to the parents honor due ;
6. Be sure that thou no murder do ;
7. Abstain from words and deeds unclean ;
8. Nor steal though thou art poor and mean ;
9. Nor tell a wilful lie nor love it ;
10. What is thy neighbor's do not covet."

120. Who buried Moses when he died?
Answer. God.

121. Does any one know where he is buried?
Answer. No.

122. Who succeeded him?
Answer. Joshua.

123. What kind of a man was Joshua?
Answer. A great and good man.

124. Who was the meekest man that ever lived?
Answer. Moses.

125. Who was the wife of Moses?

Answer. Zipporah, Jethro's daughter.

126. How did God feed the children of Israel while they were in the wilderness?

Answer. With bread from heaven called manna.

127. Were they to gather it on the Sabbath?

Answer. No, there was none on the Sabbath; they had to gather a double quantity on Saturday.

128. What was done to a man who picked up sticks on the Sabbath? Answer. He was stoned to death.

129. How should we spend the Sabbath?

Answer. In God's service.

130. Who was the strongest man?

Answer. Samson.

131. How did he show his strength?

Answer. By killing a lion, slaying 1,000 Philistines, carrying off the gates of Gaza, and pulling down the pillars of the temple.

132. In what did his strength consist?

Answer. In his hair.

133. Who told his enemies this secret?

Answer. Delilah.

134. How did they punish Samson?

Answer. They put out his eyes.

135. Who was the tallest man among the Israelites? How tall was Goliath?

Answer. Saul, who was head and shoulders higher than any other of the Israelites. Goliath was 11 feet high.

136. Who was Saul's son?

Answer. Jonathan.

137. Why did Saul send for David?

Answer. To charm away his evil spirit by playing for him on the harp.

138. What great giant defied the armies of the living God? Answer. Goliath the Philistine.

139. Who went out to meet him?

Answer. The lad David.

140. How did David kill him?

Answer. With a stone from his sling.

141. Why did Saul become jealous of David?
Answer. Because the people shouted, "Saul has slain his thousands but David his ten thousand."
142. Who anointed David king over Israel?
Answer. Samuel.
143. Who raised Samuel?
Answer. Eli.
144. Was he a good man?
Answer. Yes, he was the high priest.
145. Why did God punish him.
Answer. Because he did not correct his children when they were bad.
146. Who was the wisest man that ever lived?
Answer. Solomon.
147. Who was his father?
Answer. David.
148. What queen came to see him and to hear his words of wisdom? Answer. Queen of Sheba.
149. Was she disappointed?
Answer. No. She said the half had not been told her.
150. Who built the temple?
Answer. Solomon.
151. Who furnished the cedars of Lebanon?
Answer. Hiram, King of Tyre.
152. What wicked woman was thrown to the dogs?
Answer. Jezebel.
153. What wicked woman killed her grandchildren to get the throne? Answer. Athaliah.
154. Who was the most patient man?
Answer. Job.
155. Who was taken to heaven in a chariot of fire?
Answer. Elijah.
156. Who made an iron axe to swim?
Answer. Elisha.
157. Who prayed to live fifteen years longer, and God answered his prayer? Answer. Hezekiah.

158. Who ate grass like an ox?
Answer. Nebuchadnezzar.
159. Who was thrown into a den of lions?
Answer. Daniel.
160. Who had him put there?
Answer. Darius.
161. Why?
Answer. Because he would pray to God.
162. How did God save him?
Answer. He shut the lions' mouths.
163. Who was swallowed by the whale?
Answer. Jonah.
164. Why?
Answer. Because he did not obey God.
165. How long was he in the whale's belly?
Answer. Three days.
166. How many books in the Old Testament?
Answer. Thirty-nine.
167. How many Psalms?
Answer. One hundred and fifty.
168. Which is the longest chapter in the Bible?
Answer. 119th Psalm.
169. How many verses?
Answer. One hundred and seventy-six.
170. Which is the shortest chapter?
Answer. 117th Psalm.
171. How many verses?
Answer. Two.
172. Who wrote the Psalms?
Answer. David wrote most of them.
173. Who was called "The Sweet Singer of Israel?"
Answer. David.
174. What books of the Bible did Moses write?
Answer. Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy.
175. Name the books of the Old Testament?
176. Name the books of the New Testament.
177. Who wrote the books of the Bible?
Answer. Holy men inspired by God's Spirit.
178. Who was the mother of our Lord?
Answer. Mary, of the house of David.
179. Where was Jesus born?
Answer. In Bethlehem in Judea.
180. How old was He when He began to preach?

Answer. Thirty years old.

181. How old was He when He disputed with the Doctors of the Law?

Answer. Twelve.

182. How many apostles did He have?

Answer. Twelve.

183. Name them.

Answer. Andrew, John, James the Elder, Simon Peter, Philip, Nathaniel or Bartholomew, Matthew, James the Less, Jude or Thaddeus, Thomas, Simon Zealotes, Judas Iscariot.

184. Who betrayed Him?

Answer. Judas Iscariot, for thirty pieces of money.

185. What ruler delivered Him to be crucified?

Answer. Pilate, the Roman governor.

186. How long did Christ remain in the grave?

Answer. Three days.

187. How long did He remain on earth after He rose from the dead?

Answer. Forty days.

188. In what rich man's tomb was He buried?

Answer. Joseph of Arimathea's.

189. Who was the forerunner of Christ?

Answer. John the Baptist.

190. Had the coming of Christ been foretold?

Answer. Yes, by the prophets.

191. How do we know that Jesus as a boy studied the Scriptures?

Answer. Because He quoted so constantly from the Old Testament.

192. How did Jesus teach?

Answer. By parables.

193. What was the Savior's last command to his disciples?

Answer. "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

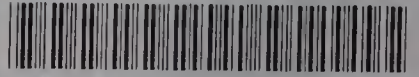
194. Who took care of Jesus' mother after his death?

Answer. On the cross He committed his mother to his beloved John.

195. How old was Jesus when he died?

Answer. Thirty-three years old.

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